

In – Fur – Nation

Your Guide to the World of Furry Fandom

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Our Motto: All The News We Get, We Print!

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You're a mean one...

Turns out to be rather a dud of a new TV season in terms of new TV animation, let alone anything of interest to anthropomorphic fans. So instead, we wind up focusing on upcoming feature films for the furry fan in all of us. Read on for more helpful information on upcoming furry fandom conventions too, after a brief update from our intrepid reporters...

Important announcement, the short form: **Michael-Scot McMurry**, creator of *Zonie the Coyote* and friend to many a furry fan and creator, has recently been struck with cancer. Following surgery, the cancer appears to be in remission. However, now "McMoo" finds himself up to his beard in bills! With that in mind, Shanda Fantasy Arts has collected and released *In The Zone*, a one-shot furry comic and tribute. It features single-page black & white contributions from a wide variety of furry and comic-book artists (**Steve Gallacci**, **Jim Groat**, **James Hardiman**, and many others) and a cover by **Stan Sakai** (*Usagi Yojimbo*). Of course, all proceeds from this one-shot go to McMoo himself. Ask for it. Find it. Buy it. Nuff said.

Probably the biggest event this season for movies (and if it isn't the biggest, they're trying to make you think it is!) will be Universal's release of the live-action *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* feature film, starring **Jim Carrey** (*Ace Ventura*, *The Truman Show*) and directed by **Ron Howard** (*Willow*, *Apollo 13*). Look for a complete marketing blitz to accompany the film, as every form of media or trinket imaginable has already had a *Grinch* tie-in designed for it. (They even had posters plugging the *Grinch* tied in to the coverage of the Sydney Olympics!) Among the unusual items to look for (most likely at your local comic

book shop) is a brand new full-color lithograph poster by none other than **The Brothers Hildebrandt**.

Coming soon to a theater near you (on December 8, in fact, from New Line Cinema) is the long (long!) awaited feature film version of that old TSR classic, *Dungeons & Dragons*. Needless to say, what most of us are likely to pay attention to is the dragons, but it turns out that many other creatures and hazards from the old fantasy role-playing game also make their appearances in the new feature. The story follows a group of simple thieves who wind up going on a quest to help a young empress wrestle her kingdom back from the clutches of an evil magic-user (*The Lion King*'s **Scar**, **Jeremy Irons**). For more information, get on the Web and check out www.dndmovie.com.

On December 15, Walt Disney Pictures present their 39th animated feature film, *The Emperor's New Groove*. Here's why it's mainly of note to furry fans: The story follows a head-strong and arrogant young emperor of a Central American nation, Kuzko (voiced by **David Spade**) after he's transformed into a talking llama by the evil sorceress Yzma (voiced by **Eartha Kitt**). Now he must seek the help of a simple yet noble peasant (voiced by **John Goodman**) to regain his throne before Yzma takes over completely. As reported here and elsewhere the film was previously titled *Kingdom of the Sun*, but it was changed recently to better reflect the silly nature of the finished film. It's directed by **Mark Dindal** (*Cats Don't Dance*) and **Tony Bancroft** (*Mulan*). It was reported that **Roger Allers** (*The Lion King*) also worked as a director on the film, but we don't know at this point how much of what he did remains. Oh, the film also features a score by **Mark Shaiman** (*South Park – Bigger, Longer, and Uncut*) and songs by **Sting**.

Recently seen movie trailer: *Cats and Dogs*. In this new live-action adventure/comedy (with computer enhancements, a la *Babe*) we learn that cats and dogs have an ancient and on-going battle for whom shall be the rulers of the earth. While we're not looking, they employ some amazing high-tech weaponry to fight their war. The film is coming to you in 2001 from Warner Brothers – and when they let us know more, we'll let YOU know more!

In the not-new-stuff-but-moved-stuff department: Nickelodeon network has moved the entire line-up of its "Nick Jr." block to Saturday Mornings on the CBS network. This means that CBS's Saturday morning line-up now includes *Blue's Clues*, *Little Bill*, *Little Bear*, *Franklin*, *Kipper*, and a new series called *Dora the Explorer*.

More and more furry fans are discovering the unusual children's educational program called *Between the Lions* on PBS. Here's the basic idea: A lion couple and their two children help run a local library. Simple eh? Yet that quick blurb hardly begins to describe this mad, manic mix of puppetry, live action, animation and many other media, all designed to help children learn to spell and develop a love of reading. The creators of the show are an impressive mix; they include several ex-Muppet performers (like **Kathryn Mullen**, who worked on *The Dark Crystal* and *Fraggle Rock*) along with **Fred Newman**, the vocal-sound-effects guy from *A Prairie Home Companion*. Look for the show in the mornings on your local PBS affiliate, or check out the stories and games at <http://www.pbs.org/wqwh/lions/>. By the way: The show recently won an award from the National Television Critics' Association for Best Children's Program.

Also new in children's television is *Nini's Treehouse* on The Learning Channel (mornings). In this fursuit show for preschoolers, Nini is a creature who is a little bit dog, a little bit cat, and maybe a dab of cow. He also can draw – and his drawings come to life. With the help of his friends Treezie B and Treezie D (twin fuzzies), Nini learns (and helps children learn) about basic concepts like near and far, and night and day.

BKN Kids (a syndicated animation 'package' of shows) and Philippine Animation Studio, Inc. have

joined forces to create *Kong, the Animated Series*, as well as a direct-to-video feature entitled *Kong, King of Atlantis*. The 40-episode series and the video follow the adventures of a giant, genetically altered ape named Kong. Not new, but hey.

Word has gotten around that Nelvana's animated TV series based on **Brian Jacques'** *Redwall* series has proven popular enough around the world that they will soon begin work on a second series, *Mattimeo*, based on the adventures of Mathias the mouse's son. PBS is scheduled to begin showing the original *Redwall* series sometime soon. Those who'd like to find out more can check the web at the **Brian Jacques** fan site www.redwall.org, or find the *Redwall* page at www.teletoon.ca.

Recent furry or semi-furry movies heading to home video and DVD include *Titan A.E.* from Fox (November 7), *Fantasy 2000* (letterbox) from Disney (November 14), *Chicken Run* from Universal (November 21), *Pokemon 2000* from Warner Home Video, and *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer* from Warner Home Video (say what??). Of course, Disney's *Toy Story 2* is already out on video and DVD, and selling well. The biggest-selling anthropomorphic movie of last summer, Disney's *Dinosaur*, won't be out on video or DVD until next January. But those who pre-order the film from their local Disney Store (or the Science Fiction Book Club's video service) can get their hands on a special door-sized double-sided poster of characters from *Dinosaur*.

Two recent anime phenomena are of interest to the furry fan mostly due to characters involved. *Cowboy Bebop* is a wild science fiction adventure of bounty hunters and professional thieves in space – which happens to feature an super-intelligent little dog named Ein. It's been released in North America by Anime Village (in both sub-titled and re-dubbed formats, on video and DVD), and it's also going to be a game for the Sony PlayStation soon. Meanwhile, there's *Those Who Hunt Elves*, which follows the adventures (often rather silly and featuring a lot of coarse language!) of a diverse group of humans who fall through a dimensional rift into a magical land by mistake. The high priestess of the local elves agrees to cast a spell to get them

home, but things go awry, resulting in two odd situations: Some pages of our lady's book of spells wind up scattered about the land as tattoos on the bodies of various elves, and she herself winds up transformed into a small, fat dog. Now it's up to her human friends to find the elves, set things right, and still try to get home. Oh, did we mention their tank? They travel about in a living tank. It thinks it's a cat. Yes. (It's all on video, dubbed, from ADV Films.)

Available now on DVD from BMG Distribution is *Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat*. This 90-minute omnibus collects together some of Felix's classic adventures like "The Petrified Cheeze" and "Mars Needs Felix".

Chuck Jones: *Extremes and Inbetweens* is a new 90-minute video celebrating the man himself, creator of Wile E. Coyote, the Road Runner, Pepe le Pew... and one of the best-known animation directors to come out of Warner Brothers. Besides presenting highlights from Mr. Jones' career, this also features commentary and praise from such well-known stars as **Whoopi Goldberg**, **Matt Groening** (*Life in Hell*, *The Simpsons*), **Ron Howard**, **John Lasseter** (*Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*), **Steven Spielberg**, **Leonard Maltin**, and **Robin Williams**.

New from Cartoon Books (the home of *Bone*) is *Rose*, a full-color comic mini-series written by **Jeff Smith** (*Bone*) and painted by **Charles Vess** (*Sandman*). It follows the adventures of Gran'ma Ben from *Bone*, back in the days when she was a young warrior defending her kingdom with the help of mighty dragons.

In **Mike Hoffman's** *Tigress #1*, an exotic cat-girl of the jungles and plains must face not only marauding hunters on safari, but also a spaceship full of crash-landed lizard aliens! It's 24 pages in black & white from Black Daze Publishing, and it's also available (in very limited quantities) with a green foil cover.

"Designed to frighten and amuse children of all ages" is how one source describes *Louis - Red Letter Day* by **Metaphrog**. Louis, a non-descript young animal in a quaint little village, longs for a life of adventure and danger. As they say, be

careful what you wish for... With full-color illustrations, the book is available in hardcover and soft-cover from Metaphrog.

With the newest issue (#9), *New Horizons* from Shanda Fantasy Arts is going quarterly. In this latest issue, we learn how **Steven Gallacci's** Erma Felna met her best friend Toki in a story by **Mike Sagara** and **Mike Curtis**. It also features black & white contributions from **Steve Adlesee**, **Tanamin**, **George Broderick Jr.**, and **Ken Asche**. Also coming soon from SFA are *SFA Spotlight #8 - Women in Fur 2000* (with a cover by **Mary Hanson-Roberts** and contributions by **Carole Curtis**, **Roberta Gregory**, **Donna Barr**, **Carla Speed McNeil**, and many others) and the *Supermegatopia Special #1* by **The Brothers Grinn**. Also look for the *SFA Spotlight #9*, featuring *Knight & Mouse* by **Brock Hoagland**, **Shawn Decker**, and **Steve Adlesee**. It follows the adventures of a human named Ali and his companion: A tiny mouse exotic dancer.

From *Animal Mystic* creator **Dark One** comes the *Animal Mystic Field Guide* from Sirius Entertainment. This 64-page book features full-color pin-ups of many of the human and non-human characters from this famous black & white comic book series.

While you're at it, look for *Furtlough #96* from Radio Comics. Look for the cover by fantasy artist **Diana Harlan Stein**. *Furtlough* is beginning its tenth year of publication, which as to be a record of some sort for an anthropomorphic publication (not counting *Pogo* or **Carl Barks'** stuff, mind you).

Complex City is one of those hard-to-explain comics, but here goes: Bulldog Malone is the toughest cop in Complex City. He is also, in fact, a bulldog. Albeit a 6-foot tall, well-armed bulldog in a trench coat. In issue #1, he must battle a strange creature called a Shadowling and a double-brained robot for possession of a valuable safe - contents unknown. From the creator of *Bulletproof* comes this black & white comic, published by Better Comics.

From Basement Comics comes the newest *Cavewoman* series by **Devon Massey**, *Cavewoman - Intervention*. In it, our prehistoric heroine battles with a meddling alien... who also happens to be an under-clad babe like her. The first issue is available with a special limited-edition wraparound cover by **Budd Root**. Also, look for the new large-size limited edition poster of Cavewoman and Klyde (the gorilla) illustrated by *Liberty Meadows* creator **Frank Cho**.

From NBM comes the newest comic book series by writer and artist **Richard Moore** (*Far West*). In *Boneyard*, a young man inherits a graveyard at the edge of a sleepy little town - a graveyard, it turns out, haunted by monsters. When he actually meets them however, they turn out to be not all that bad... the people of the town, however, have a much different opinion.

Star Trek's first reptilian aliens return the new hardcover graphic novel, *Star Trek: The Next Generation - The Gorn Crisis*. In this story written by **Kevin J. Anderson** and **Rebecca Moesta**, the Enterprise NCC 1701-E is unable to help out in the Dominion War (as portrayed in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*) because Captain Picard and the rest of the crew are stuck in another part of the galaxy fighting off an insurgence of Gorn warriors bent on revenge. This 96-page graphic novel is illustrated by **Igor Kordey**, and published by the Wildstorm imprint of DC comics.

Another new graphic novel is *Deeger*, Volume 2 by **Y.C. Park**. In a time of mutant animals and confusion, young Deeger's parents are murdered by a monkey creature - who's now after him. That is, until he befriends mutant black panther and enlists his aid. This 161-page black & white collection is published by Komics, Inc.

For those who've been reading *Dragon* magazine for a while, Dynasty Presentations is proud to bring you the *SnarfQuest* trade paperback. This 224-page compilation includes all of **Larry Elmore's** *Snarf* episodes that appeared in *Dragon*, along with great many that never did. Follow the adventures of this strange pointy-nosed creature as he searches for adventure, treasure and (of course) babes.

The *Star Wars: Chewbacca* mini-series from Dark Horse Comics has now been collected in a trade paperback. Featuring writer **Darko Macan** and a score of comic book artists, the stories here detail the life of the famous wookiee from his younger days to his heroic death (as portrayed in the New Jedi Order novel *Vector Prime*). This collection also features a brand new introduction by Chewbacca's human actor, **Peter Mayhew**.

If you're going to get instruction, get it from folks who know. New from Antarctic Press is the *How to Draw Manga* series, featuring tips and tricks from **Adam Warren**, (*Dirty Pair*), **Ben Dunn** (*Ninja High School*), and **Fred Perry** (*Gold Digger*). Issue #1 discusses figure drawing, and is available with three different covers, one by each of the featured artists. (There are different comments from the artists exclusive to each cover version.)

Now available as an import (from Hawk Books in the UK) is *The Rupert Bear Dossier* in Hardcover. It collects together some of the more recent adventures of the famous young white bear, and also includes several brand new pictures. FYI Department: Rupert's adventures were first published in the UK in 1920. That makes him six years older than Winnie the Pooh.

A new novel from Tor Books, released earlier this year and recently stumbled across: In *The Fox Woman* by **Kij Johnson**, a young kitsune (fox-fae, if you didn't know) falls in love with one Kaya no Yoshifuji, a young human husband and father. He and his family have moved into the ancestral home of the kitsunes, and now this particular fox-spirit begs her grandfather to teach her the art of transforming into a human woman - so that she might steal away the object of her desire.

And now for something completely different. Sort of. In *Future Eden*, a new novel by **Colin Thompson**, a young man living in a devastated future for Earth attempts to commit suicide - that is, until a chicken talks him out of it. It seems that this chicken is in fact an omnipotent being named Ethel, who's been living on Earth since creation. And now she needs this boy's help to fix the mess we humans have made of the place. Got that? Good. It's from Simon & Schuster and it's available now.

How's this: The mice who live in 'the skirtings' keep far away from a horrible place known as 'The Grill', which marks the edge of their territory and the beginning of realm of the sewer rats and their terrible god, Jupiter. When one of their fathers is captured for discovering Jupiter's nefarious plans, it's up to a group of young mice, plus two bats with the power of prophecy, to take the dangerous journey to rescue him. What is it? It's *The Dark Portal*, the first novel in the new 'Depfort Mice' trilogy by **Robin Jarvis**. It's new from Seastar Publishing.

Premiering in October from Greenwillow Press is *Year of the Gryphon*, a sequel to *The Dark Lord of Derkholm* by **Diana Wynne Jones**. The youngest daughter of the world's most powerful sorcerer, who happens herself to be a golden gryphon, enrolls in a wizards' college and soon finds herself in over her wings in adventure and danger.

New from DAW Books is *Valor's Choice* by **Tanya Huff**. In a future time of war between the multi-species Confederation and a mysterious enemy known only as 'The Others', a group of human soldiers is dispatched to the home planet of a war-like reptilian species to try convince them to hook up with the Confederation. It's available in paperback.

Image Comics has released a set of miniature figurines based on **Maurice Sendak's** best-selling and world-famous 1963 children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*. The set of seven full-color figures includes that naughty dreamer, "King" Max, and 6 of the well-known monsters.

Axtell Expressions is a manufacturer of latex and fabric puppets, who supplies performers in more than 50 countries. Some of their gorilla and monkey puppets are even going to be used as background characters in **Tim Burton's** upcoming *Planet of the Apes* re-make. To receive their full-color catalog, just send a large SASE to: Axtell Expressions, 2889 Bunsen Avenue, Suite H, Ventura, CA 93003. Or, you can check out their web site at www.axtell.com.

As part of its theme of "Funny Animals at the Movies", ConFurence 12 (Apr 19-22, 2001, Burbank, California) would like to invite 'morph fans everywhere to join in voting to select the Best

Anthropomorphic Motion Pictures and TV Series of the Twentieth Century! To find out more about this special award ceremony, and how you can help, check out the "Special Award" flyer included in this very issue.

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Further Confusion 2001 (Jan 25-28, 2001, San Mateo, California) is pleased to announce that joining our Guests of Honor **Diane Duane** and **Peter Morwood** are the award-winning authors **Poul and Karen Anderson**, **G. David Nordley**, and **Pat Murphy**. Also, if their schedules permit, **C.J. Cherryh** and **Jane Fancher** will be joining us. We are really pleased to offer such a great group of writers to the fandom this year. www.furtherconfusion.org

ConFurence has *Stuff!* The original ConFurence General Store (for ConFurcences 0 - 10) has moved to the new Furry Stuff web portal. Three of our popular T-Shirt designs are still available for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by **Eric Schwartz** from CF7, "Furries in Love" (black and pink on grey) by **Rachael Cawley** from CF9, and "The Furry World" (black and white on green) by **Ken Sample** from CF10. Plus, we still offer the *ConFurence Seven Highlights Video*, the *ConFurence Eight - Music and Mirth* video, and now the special *ConFurence Five & Six* combination video too! Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books! To find a complete list, visit the Furry Stuff web site (www.furystuff.com), or send them an SASE at: Furry Stuff, P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958.

What, you're looking for **NEW** ConFurence Stuff? The **ConFurence Group**, home of ConFurence 12, has its own stash of stuff they want you to know about too! Still available are the full-color ConFurence 11 T-shirt designs by **Shannon Stuart** and CF 11 Guest of Honor **Mitch Beiro**, both for \$12.00 each, and the new ConFurence Group™ paw-logo T-shirt for \$12.00 also. (Some larger sizes are \$15.00.) And now, we present a brand-new t-shirt for

ConFurence 12, drawn by Guest of Honor Mike Kazaleh, for a limited time! Plus, remember to get your ConFurence lapel pins! Yes, the paw-globe logo on your own neck for only \$8.00. If you visit their web site at www.confurence.net, you can order this cool stuff *plus* ConFurence 12 memberships, Cabaret tickets, and more, online! For more information about new ConFurence merchandise, write them at: The ConFurence Group, P.O. Box 84721, San Diego, CA 92138-4721.

A Request to Our Readers: Hey, got a favorite comic or book store that carries your favorite furry titles, or that you wish would carry more? Give us their address! We'll send them a copy of In-Fur-Nation each quarter, and keep them abreast of the kind of comics and media that you would like to see on their shelves! Remember, they can't order it if they don't know it's out there! As an *alternate*: Know of any good comic review zines or web sites that might be looking to trade issues?

Guess what? In-Fur-Nation wants Reporters! Actually, interviewers... as a new feature, we're going to present profiles of furry creators and furry-oriented companies that are helping to promote products and media of interest to funny animal fans all over. So, like to help out? Know a comic book creator, animator, publisher, or other such person in the field who'd like to discuss what furies mean to them, or to the world? Talk to them, write down what they say... then give us a write-up, about 300-500 words, and we'll include it as a blurb in an upcoming INF, and give you credit for it. [We do maintain the right to edit for clarity and length, mind you.] Send hard copies to the ConFurence address, or, you can e-mail your submission to ed-otter Rod O'Riley at mink@firstlight.net.

Advertising in In-Fur-Nation: For those who've been asking, ads in In-Fur-Nation come in these sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for \$5.00 per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for \$10.00 per issue. Full-page inclusions can also be arranged for \$50.00 an issue. Check should be made out to Furry Stuff. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958.

(Many thanks to the people who helped provide information for this issue, both by mail and via Internet! Also, our appreciation to *Previews* magazine.)

... Mister Grinch! (from the original Chuck Jones animation *How the Grinch stole Christmas, 1964*)

More Furry Conventions A'Comin' Your Way!

Here's the run-down on some upcoming furry gatherings in other parts of the country...

Further ConFusion, 2001

January 25-28, 2001, The San Mateo Marriot, California

My God, It's Full of Furs!

The newest furry convention in California is designed to promote a sense of community within Furry Fandom.

This time around, their Guests of Honor include world-renowned fantasy authors Diane Duane and Peter Morwood, game designers and "Furcadia" creators Felorin (Dr. Cat) and Talzhemir, and furry artist Christina "Smudge" Hanson. (Plus some extra-special writer guests you can read about on their web site!) Many special events, presentations, discussions, and charity events will be happening.

Rooms at the San Mateo Marriot (1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402) are available for **\$95.00** per night for singles or doubles, and **\$105.00** per night for triple or quad. As of right now, their Regency Suites are already sold out! Call 1-800-228-9290 (Marriott's 24-hr. Reservation System toll-free number) and make sure to mention Hotel Code SFOSA. The event code for Further Confusion is 'furcon'.

Registration for full membership is **\$40.00** until January 5, 2001, after which memberships must be purchased at the door (same price though). For more information (including the art show, dealers' room, and programming) write to: **Further Confusion/AAE, PMB #236, 105 Serra**

Way, Milpitas, CA 95035. Or check out their web site at www.furtherconfusion.org.

The Furry Spring Break

March 2-4, 2001, in Orlando, Florida

The newest furry convention around is The Furry Spring Break, coming in 2001 to the Sunshine State. More precisely, to the Ramada Resort and Conference Center in Orlando. The special guest of honor is furry and comic book artist **Phil Morrissey**, and a whole slate of furry activities are planned for the weekend. Not to mention the fact that Walt Disney World, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Sea World, and all the other attractions of Orlando are within spitting distance.

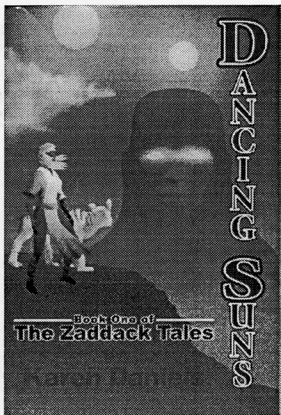
The Ramada Resort is located at 7400 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819. Their direct phone number is (407) 996-7400. For reservations call (888) 298-2054 during business hours, and make sure to mention the reservation code 'FURR'. Room rates have been negotiated at **\$69.00** per night for regular rooms and **\$139.00** per night for Suites.

Memberships to the Furry Spring Break are **\$45.00** by mail from now until February 11, 2001. After that the rate is **\$50.00** for at-the-door memberships. Sponsorships are also available (for a higher price, with some extra goodies), and supporting (non-attending) memberships are available for only **\$30.00**.

For more information and the latest updates on The Furry Spring Break, check out their web site at www.furyspringbreak.com. Or, you could just send them a check or money order to: Furry Spring Break, P.O. Box 770742, Orlando FL 32877-0742.

In our next thrilling episode... we'll fill you in on the latest information about The Gathering of the Gargoyles (June 22-25, in Los Angeles, CA), Anime Expo (July 5-8, in Long Beach, CA), Anthrocon (July 27-29, in Philadelphia, PA), and Mephit Fur-Meet (August 31- September 2, in Memphis, TN).

Coming in the next In-Fur-Nation (early March, 2001) will be some vital information for dealers, artists, and just plain furries who will be joining us at ConFurence 12. Happy Holidays, everyone! Don't be left in the burrow! Keep in touch with the world of Anthropomorphics! Subscribe to In-Fur-Nation today! That's a wrap! Print it!



Available now in paperback from Vivisphere Publishing is *Dancing Suns, Book One of The Zaddack Tales* by Karen Daniels. For more information, visit www.vivisphere.com.

SPECIAL AWARD

THE BEST ANTHROPOMORPHIC MOTION PICTURES AND TV SERIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY!



2001 begins a new century. The theme of ConFurence 12, in April 2001, is "Funny Animals at the Movies". As part of this theme, The ConFurence Group would like to invite 'morph fans everywhere to join in voting to select:

The Best Anthropomorphic Motion Pictures and TV Series of the 20th Century!

This Award will consist of a special trophy in four categories:

Best Motion Picture (Live Action)

Best Motion Picture (Animation)

Best TV Series (Live Action)

Best TV Series (Animation)

The years of coverage are 1901 to 2000. Please help select the best anthropomorphic motion pictures and TV productions of the past hundred years.

Fans everywhere are invited to mail in their recommendations of up to five nominees in each of these categories, between now and 31 December 2000. A final ballot, consisting of ten nominees in each category as determined by the titles that receive the most recommendations, will be prepared for distribution beginning at FURTHER Confusion 2001, 25 - 28 January 2001. The deadline for final voting will be 15 March 2001, shortly after Furry Spring Break. The awards will be announced and presented at ConFurence 12 on 18 - 22 April 2001.

To illustrate the range of potential nominees in each category, here are some examples:

Best Motion Picture (Live):

Babe. 1995. (Comedy/drama. A piglet wants to herd sheep like a sheepdog.)

Fluke. 1995. (Drama. Humans die and are reincarnated as dogs.)

Francis. 1950. (First of the *Francis, the Talking Mule* comedies.)

You Never Can Tell. 1951. (Comedy-drama. A murdered watchdog is reincarnated as a human Private Investigator to find his killer.)

Best Motion Picture (Animated):

Animalympics. 1979. (Olympics sports and TV sportscasts with an animal cast.)

Bambi. 1942. (The life of forest animals.)

Cats Don't Dance. 1997. (Spectacular Hollywood musical with an animal cast.)

Robin Hood. 1973. (The English legendary outlaw with an animal cast.)

Best TV Series (Live):

ALF. 1986-90. (Gordon Shumway from the planet Melmac comes to Earth.)
Dinosaurs. 1991-93. (Sitcom about an audio-animatronic dinosaur family.)
Mr. Ed. 1961-66. (A talking horse and Wilbur Post, his owner/friend.)
Unhappily Ever After. 1995-99. (Mr. Floppy, a stuffed rabbit, talks with Dad.)

Best TV Series (Animated):

Kimba, the White Lion. 1966-67. (African animals start a human-style civilization.)
Road Rovers. 1996-97. (Dogs are turned into anthropomorphized superheroes.)
SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron. 1993-94. (Masked heroes in a cat world.)
TaleSpin. 1990-91. (1930s Southeast Asian funny-animal adventures.)

In the consideration of this Award, several questions have been raised:

Are titles with non-animal anthropomorphized characters eligible, like *The Brave Little Toaster* and *Toy Story*? Yes.

Would movies like *Meet the Feebles*, *Muppets From Space*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Stuart Little*, *Dragonheart* and *Dinosaur* go into the Live Action or the Animation categories? Puppet/marionette films are considered live action. Cartoon/cel films and stop-motion films of clay, plasticene, wood, and similar models are considered animation. CGI films seem to be generally considered live action, although there is some popular confusion over this. Our present intention is to let the fans decide. Films like *Stuart Little* and *Dinosaur* will be counted in whichever category the majority of the nominations place them in.

What about classic s-f films with animal-men like *The Island of Dr. Moreau* and *Planet of the Apes*? Yes, they are eligible.

What about direct-to-video features like *Lion King 2: Simba's Pride*? They will be included with the motion pictures.

Can foreign (especially anime and British) titles be nominated? Yes.

Who will the actual awards be given to? Someone associated with the title's production, if such a person can be found. The production company, if everyone associated with the title's production is now dead. (An example: Disney's 1942 *Bambi*.)

Can voting be done by e.mail? No. This was considered, but e.mail voting is too susceptible to fraudulent voting. This is still possible with mail balloting, but bogus mail ballots are easier to detect.

Please send your nominations by mail to:

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